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## HISTORICAL SOCIETY GOES TO JAIL

The Historical Society of Greater Lansing will be taken into custody by Sheriff Kenneth Preadmore at 8:00 P. M., Wednesday October 13 at the county jail. It just has to happen on the thirteenth.

All members of the society and interested friends are invited to attend. The group will assemble in the chapel where our host will relate interesting facts about the old jail ( a near lynching) and the history of the new modern facility. Rehabilitation of institutionalized members and long term planning will be explained.

There will be refreshments.

The new Ingham County Jail is located at 630 N. Cedar, Mason. This is at the north end of town and just to the north of old U. S. 127.

## THE NEGRO IN MICHIGAN HISTORY

A committee has recently been organized to explore early negro history in Michigan and to search out and establish facts for the record. Powell Lindsay is chairman. The group has already held two meetings.

At present a trip to Addison, Michigan is being planned to visit the site of Woodstock Manual Labor Institute, a negro institution established in 1846 for the purpose of educating fugitives. The school was located in Lenawee Co., one mile north of Addison on the north side of Greenleaf Road.

Prior Foster, the Institute's founder, who, with his brother Joseph had escaped with their families from Kentucky, provided a well-rounded curriculum for their students. Mathematics, science, the arts, literature, as well as elementary subjects were offered. Agriculture and manual training were given equal status with the sciences in the belief that they were equally important to good living.

The Institute consisted of five buildings on a two hundred acre plot, one hundred acres being improved land. There was one large school building, a boarding house, one barn and two houses on the property. (The last building was torn down just recently.) A two

thousand volume library was one of the outstanding features of the school. Many of these books were donated by publishing houses.

Funds were raised from among anti-slave groups in the East and from tuition of white students in the surrounding area.

UPPER CANADA VILLAGE            2nd Inst.  
Ontario's Living Heritage  
By: Mrs. Helen Wallin, Past-President  
Historical Society of Greater Lansing

A very nominal fee of \$2.00 is collected at the toll gate for the visit to the village. Over the three years period of its existence over 700,000 persons have visited this memorial spot. There is a restaurant, air conditioned, and opened at all times. Bus service from Toronto or Montreal is welcome for the person who doesn't drive. Taxi service is available from nearby Morrisburg.

The Crysler Farm, which was the scene of one of Canada's most decisive battles, fought on a cold, rainy Thursday, November 11, 1813, between 800 Loyalist and 4,000 American soldiers is memorialized by a tall monument and appropriate formal gardens surrounding it.

The Memorial Gardens, surrounded by a wall built from bricks salvaged from the flooding have insets of the tombstones brought from the villages. Beautiful formal gardens held back by a cut stone walk gives beauty and peace to the veneration of the hardy pioneers whose names are enscribed on the stones.

Another monument, to the Loyalist American Regiments 1775-1784, on the green sward of the battlefield memorial, depicts a soldier with an axe and musket in hand doing the double duty of the early settlers.

A word should be said of The Ryerson Press of Toronto who has cooperated with the Government of Ontario in publication of various books and pamphlets and brochures on the history of their country. In the words of John Robarts, Prime Minister of Ontario, in one of the craft booklets available from the village store: "I welcome the support given by this great publishing house in making meaningful for the

